

SIMMONS SAYS KLAN VICTIM OF SLANDER; WORLD SERIES MAY BE FINISHED TODAY

UKLUX HEAD THROWS DEFINITIVE TO TEETH OF SOME CRITICS

Imperial Wizard Denies Charges

WELCOMES THE PROBE

Order Not to Intimidate Negroes But Is Stronger North

(By Associated Press) Washington, Oct. 12.—Sweeping charges that the Ku Klux Klan contained within its ranks a band of hooded hoodlums was before a house committee today. William J. Simmons, of Atlanta, founder and Imperial Wizard.

Standing squarely upon members had listened intently for nearly hours to dramatic defense of organization Simmons declared "standing here in the presence of a grand jury" he wanted the world to know that if one thousandth part of the charges were true he would call together the Grand Council of the Klan for the purpose of forever disbanding it in the section of the United States. Late in the day after a number of negro witnesses from Boston had urged a congressional inquiry of the Klan, the Imperial Wizard, first asking to be heard, told the committee the Klan was the investigation but provided against attacks in some of pending house resolutions.

Are Upholders of Laws There is no room in our organization for those who take the law into their own hands," he declared. "We have been with everything from the high prices to the sweeping of the boll weevil. It has been that our primary aim was the eradication of the negro in the South. But it might surprise this committee to know that the growth of the Ku Klux Klan has been greater in the north and in the east than in the south.

He stated that the Klan could not do anything outside of its lodge except by specific orders of Imperial Wizard so as to hold its membership in line, Mr. Simmons

more God I have never signed instructions that could be carried out as a violation of the law. The Klan does not tolerate lawlessness; instead we respect for the law.

Challenges Charges There was intense quiet in the room and at one of these moments the witness rapping the table and that no man could charge in any city where the Klan is organized.

Klan, the witness testified, is an investigation of its charges against E. Y. Imperial Kleagle, and head of the Klan, Mr. Simmons, after it had been found somebody, purporting to be somebody, had violated its best traditions. At Pensacola three men in robes ordered a Greek to the city, but it never was ordered, he said, that they were to be and the charter was re-

TWO WOMEN CHARGED WITH MURDER GIVEN FREEDOM BY 2 JURIES

Marian McArdle Is Found Not Guilty Of Kaber's Murder

(By Associated Press) Cleveland, Oct. 12.—Marian McArdle was found not guilty by a jury of nine men and three women today on a charge of first degree murder for complicity in the murder of her step-father, Daniel Kaber, stabbed to death in his Lakewood home two years ago. The jury exonerated the twenty-year-old girl of a charge of aiding her mother, Mrs. Eva Katherine Kaber, in the murder plot. Mrs. Kaber is now serving a life sentence for the crime.

Tears came to Miss McArdle's eyes when the verdict of acquittal was read and she was overcome with emotion. She was quickly surrounded by school girl and other friends who embraced and congratulated her. She sought out the members of the jury and thanked each of them, kissing one of the women jurors. She sent a telegram announcing the verdict to her mother and another to her father, Thomas McArdle of Chicago.

Mrs. Hudson Freed on Charge Shooting Her Two Children

(By Associated Press) Albany, Ga., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Bennie Hudson was acquitted by a jury here today of the murder of her two children. Mrs. Hudson was indicted jointly with her husband, Glenn Moore Hudson and he was convicted of the crime last week and sentenced to be hanged November 18. Mrs. Hudson showed little emotion at the verdict but smilingly thanked each juror. The court congratulated her on the able defense arguments by counsel, the court had appointed to defend her. The woman said she had no blood relatives, but commenting on her frank story of her life which she bared in court she declared today she would "live right" in the future. Both wife and husband claimed the other had killed the children who were shot to death. They did not appear against each other, however, because of the Georgia law against husband and wife testifying against the other.

SENATOR KNOX DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME IN CAPITAL

Stricken as He Was On His Way to Dinner and Expires

WASHINGTON SHOCKED

Was One of Most Conspicuous Figures in Public Life

(By Associated Press) Washington, Oct. 12.—Philander Charles Knox, senator from Pennsylvania, and Secretary of State under President Taft, died suddenly at 6:30 o'clock this evening at his home here. He was stricken with paralysis after descending the stairway on his way to the dining room for dinner and passed away fifteen minutes later without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Knox and the Senator's secretary were near the Senator and hurried to his aid. A physician was summoned immediately but he found Mr. Knox beyond medical aid.

Senator Knox returned to Washington only last Monday night from a trip to Europe with Mrs. Knox and he attended the session of the senate yesterday and today. Leaving the chamber about 5 o'clock this afternoon the senator took an automobile ride through Potomac Park and stopped on his way home to purchase tickets for a theatre performance tonight. Reaching home the senator went to his library where he remained until summoned to dinner. President Harding, Chief Justice Taft, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and other friends and close associates of Mr. Knox were soon notified of the senator's death. The news came as a shock to all official Washington for the senator through his services first as attorney general under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt and later as secretary of state under President Taft, had a wide circle of friends in all walks of public life, congressional, public and foreign.

Editor McCreary, of Gainesville, is Called By Death

(By Associated Press) Gainesville, Oct. 12.—Henry H. McCreary, editor of the Gainesville Daily News and a veteran newspaper man and legislator of Florida died here early today from pneumonia which followed an illness that had kept him confined to his bed practically nine months. He was sixty years old.

Mr. McCreary was born in Southport, N. C., then known as Smithville in 1860. He came to Florida when his parents moved to Cedar Keys six years later. His early newspaper training was obtained in the office of the Cedar Keys Journal and at the age of 19 he moved to Gainesville, becoming associated with the Gainesville Bee, which a short time later became the Gainesville Sun, with Mr. McCreary as its editor and publisher. This post he held until four years ago, when the present owner bought the paper.

For many terms he served as a member of the state legislature both in the house and in the senate.

IF YOU WOULD PROTECT YOUR OWN AS WELL AS YOUR HOME TOWN'S INTEREST YOU WOULD SHOP HERE

A Mississippi negro named Sam, having illegally purchased a bottle filled with lawless manufacture, was taken into custody. He informed the police that the purchase had been made from one Stonewall Williams. The police were unable to find Stonewall, but somehow word managed to reach Sam, who was reposing in jail, that if he "squealed" it was certain that Stonewall would arrange so that he would never again buy anything. We all know a negro has greater regard for the living than for the dead.

Stonewall however was finally apprehended and brought to trial and as Sam, the chief witness, was lead into the court room, his eyes remained fixed on the ceiling. Sam admitted he knew the defendant, but when the judge asked if the witness had purchased liquor from the defendant, as charged, he was unable to make Sam answer. Upon repeated urging the witness finally said to the court, "See here Judge, if I answers your inquiries, I wants to know is this court going to protect this nigger?"

It is on this basis, namely Protection, that the "BUY AT HOME" campaign comes to the readers of the Palatka News. If these articles answer your needs, or sets up a means to satisfy the people of Palatka, there will be a consequent expectancy of your interest in the welfare of our merchants. We seek to satisfy everyone that the merchant's welfare is their patrons welfare. (Clip this article and read tomorrows)

BREACHES OF TRUCE FIRST MATTERS FOR IRISH PEACE CONFAB

List of Violation Of Agreement Offered By Both Sides

(By Associated Press) London, Oct. 12.—When the Irish conference resumes its session at 11 o'clock tomorrow it probably will first deal with the question of alleged breaches of the truce which have been the subject of conversations today between various members of the British and Irish delegations. It is agreed among the delegates it was said, that breaches have arisen on both sides, Dublin Castle having produced a list of such occurrences which was compared with a list published by the Irish Bulletin, of breaches by auxiliaries, the police and the military. Today's conversations were quite friendly and harmonious as were yesterday's discussions in conference.

Confederate Reunion Will Be at Lakeland

(By Associated Press) Tallahassee, Oct. 12.—The annual state reunion of the Florida Division United Confederate Veterans will be held at Lakeland, November 16 to 17, according to an announcement by Major General Newton A. Blitch, who issued a call for the meeting today.

SENATE ADOPTS REPUBLICAN COMPROMISE ON TAXES

(By Associated Press) Washington, Oct. 12.—Adoption by the senate of the Republican compromise plan for repeal of all the transportation taxes on next January 1 was completed today with the acceptance without a dissenting vote on an amendment removing the tax on parcel post packages. Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, sought to extend the repeal to levies on messages by telegraph, telephone cable and radio, but his motion was voted down.

Committee amendments to the bill accepted included those imposing license taxes on brokers and others

REPUBLICANS DECIDE IN CAUCUS TO RAISE MEMBERSHIP IN HOUSE

Members of Census Committee Bitterly Opposed

(By Associated Press) Washington, Oct. 12.—House Republicans at a caucus tonight decided to support the Siegel bill to increase the size of the house from 435 to 460 members. It was said 94 members agreed to vote for the bill while 76 indicated they would oppose it. Vigorous opposition to the measure developed at the caucus, it was understood, several members of the census committee leading the fight to retain the present size of the house in opposition to the stand of Chairman Siegel and a majority of the Republican membership of the committee.

I. C. C. Orders New Schedule of Rates From Port Stations

Washington, Oct. 12.—Railroad freight rates proposed by the southeastern roads last June to apply between points on the South Atlantic coast and the Mississippi river were set aside by the Interstate Commerce Commission today and new schedules ordered installed before November 28.

The commission ordered the roads to fix the new rates on a basis of \$2 for first class freight from Virginia and Carolina points to Memphis and grouped destinations from the coast cities to Winona, Mississippi, and grouped destinations at \$2.10; and from the coast to New Orleans and Vicksburg at \$2.18. Related rates were ordered changed to conform.

and manufacturer's taxes of two cents a gallon on cereal beverages, still drinks and unfermented fruit juices; seven and a half cents a gallon on finished fountain syrups, and five cents a pound on carbonic acid gas.

GIANTS TAKE SEVENTH AND FORGE AHEAD OF YANKEES

Mays and Douglas In a Brilliant Pitching Battle

DOUGLAS GETS BREAKS

Shuffling Phil Had a Brilliant Supporting Cast

(By Associated Press) New York, Oct. 12.—Frank Snyder the Giants' bulky catcher polled one of Carl Mays under-dand twisters into left center field for a two base hit in the seventh inning at the Polo Grounds this afternoon and thereby sent home the tally which won the seventh game of the world series for the New York National league champions.

The Giants by winning this contest from the Yankees 2 to 1 went for the first time into the lead in the world championship race with four wins out of seven.

The McGraw men need but one more victory to give them the series and the big end of the money.

Worthy of Pennant Winners Today's game, probably the best played and certainly the happiest and tensest in the series, was one worthy of the two pennant winning clubs. It was witnessed by a holiday crowd of 36,503 persons, a crowd which was by all odds the most demonstrative of all the great throngs which have gathered for the game. It seemed almost as if the roar that greeted Chick Fewster, the Yankee lead off man, again substituting for the disabled Babe Ruth, when he stepped to the plate in the first inning, was continued without pause until Phil Douglas, of the Giants, tossed out Schang for the last out in the ninth.

Once more and for the third time it was a case of Douglas against Mays and for the second time the verdict went to Douglas. Shuffling Phil pitched masterful ball settling down after a somewhat uncertain time of it after the first two innings in the second of which the Yankees scored their only tally and either turning the American leaguers back in order or skillfully foiling their valiant attempts to put another un across the plate. He was aided by wonderful support of his Giant team mates, not a fielding misplay being made on the National's side.

Mays Was a Star On the other hand, Carl Mays, while the loser, has to be given credit for an equally notable if less successful performance on the mound, Mays was steadier than Douglas, not issuing a pass and allowing but six hits to eight for his opponent, and but for a slip most unfortunate for Mays and his team mates on the part of Ward, in the seventh inning, the game might easily have gone into extra innings with the score tied 1 to 1.

The Yankee second baseman's error proved the real break of the game putting on base the runner who shortly afterward scored the winning tally. Ward let a grounded by Rawlings get away from him after two Giants had been retired in the seventh inning. Ward recovered the ball and made a quick throw to first but was just too late and Rawlings later scored on Snyder's two bagger.

The Yankees broke the ice in the second. Pipp thirt man up slashed a double to left. Ward sacrificed (Continued on page 6.)

NO STRIKE DECISION LIKELY TO BE PUT ON RECORD AT PRESENT

Heads of Brotherhoods of Railway Workers Incommunicado

(By Associated Press) Chicago, Oct. 12.—Little likelihood of a decision to call a strike of railroad workers of the Big Four Brotherhoods, was forecast tonight by L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors. After three days and nights of meetings the executives and general chairmen of the conductors, engineers and firemen were still far from agreement as to the action tonight.

"It is likely now that there will be no announcement made when these conferences adjourn," Mr. Sheppard said. "Thus far we can say nothing. And it now seems probable that there will be nothing to say."

Warren F. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter, head of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, declared they too would probably have nothing to say even after the conference.

stored on assurance by the local officers that they would keep up a relentless fight to find the offenders.

Ritual On File With Government "Our ritual," he said, "about which so many slanderous things have been said, is copyrighted and filed these five years in the library of congress. Surely it would not have been put there under the eye of the government if we had anything to conceal. There is nothing in it but love of country and pure Americanism."

"The Ku Klux Klan is purely a protestant and non-political organization," he said. "It does not seek political power. It has offered big rewards for capture of law breakers posing as Klansmen and its records show where it has provided substantial aid for those needing it. In the six years I have been with the order I have received only twelve thousand dollars and my Atlanta home was the gift of members, most of whom subscribed less than a dollar. If the Ku Klux Klan were a lawless band there would not be such a growth of membership, including leading citizens of many communities."

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NINE HOBOS DRAGGED OFF A FREIGHT TRAIN COMING INTO PALATKA

Police and Special Agents of Coast Line Land Bunch

Nine white hobos were pulled off an Atlantic Coast Line freight train as it rolled into Palatka last night. The arrests were made by police officers, special agents of the Atlantic Coast Line and sheriff's deputies. All nine of the men were lodged in jail and will probably be given a term on the county chain gang.

The men were spotted by special agents for the Coast Line who are keeping an unusually close watch at this time of year, especially since the shooting recently of Special Agent J. L. Martin, a week ago. When the nine men were spotted a wire was sent ahead for local officials to be at the depot to assist in the round up. When the train came in the men were quickly covered and lined up to be searched. Several of them, it was said, were armed, and but a few dollars in change was collected from the entire crowd.

Railway officials report that nearly every train coming south brings some of these hobos who seem to be migrating in larger numbers this fall than ever before.

American Delegates on Disarmament In First of Conference

(By Associated Press) Washington, Oct. 12.—The American delegation to the armament conference held its first meeting today effected a permanent organization, made a general survey of the data gathered for its guidance and began the discussion of the questions of policy and that are to characterize the position of the government in the coming negotiations.

One of the first specific subjects to be considered was the problem of opened or closed sessions for the conference and discussion is said to have revealed considerable sentiment for opening the doors whenever the entire body of delegates meet to register important decisions.